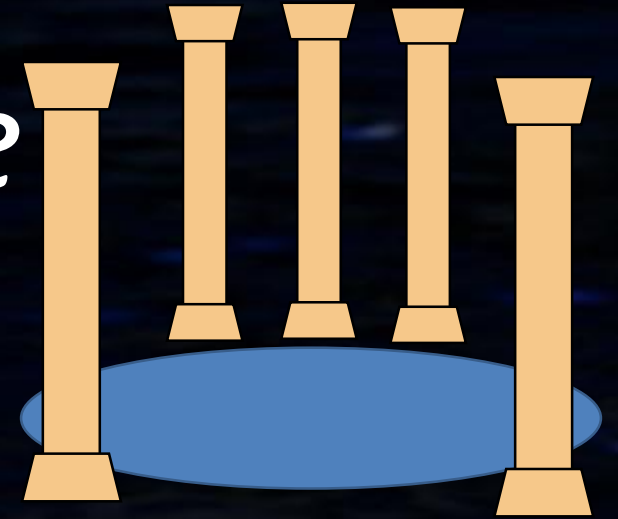


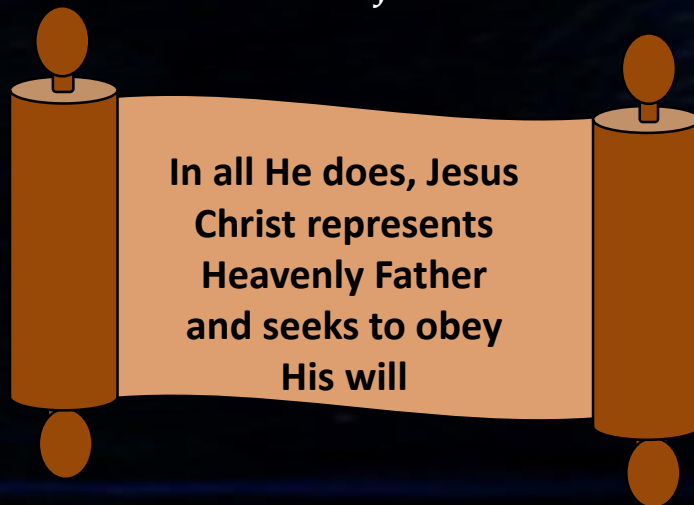
To Be Made Whole

John 5



Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

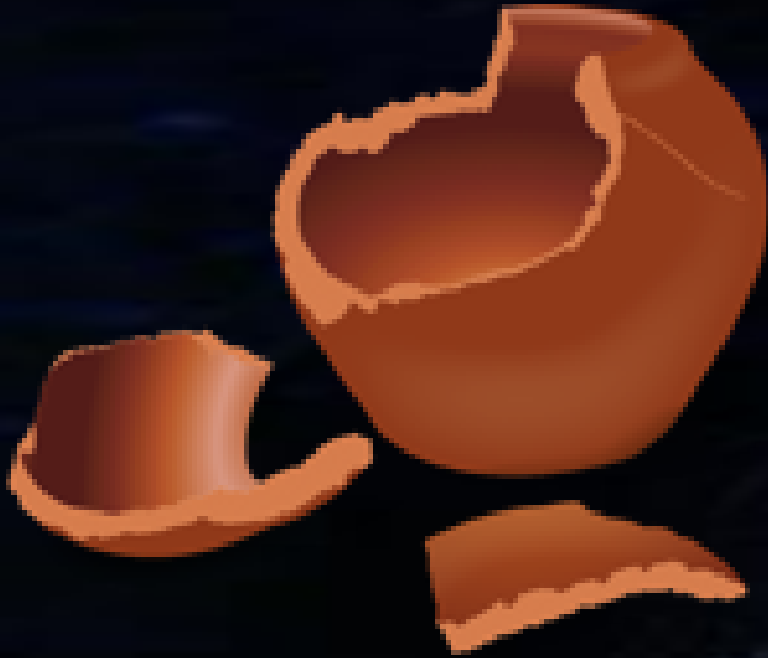
John 5:19



**In all He does, Jesus
Christ represents
Heavenly Father
and seeks to obey
His will**

And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. John 5:27

Have you ever broken something important
or valuable.



As children of
Heavenly Father we
are important and
have great worth.



Because of our choices or the challenges we face, at times we may
feel broken or like we have little value.

Feast



Carl H. Bloch

While in Jerusalem,
He went to a pool
near the temple.

Bethesda

Bethesda can be translated as "house of mercy" or "house of grace"



Pool of Bethesda Today

Archaeological excavations have identified the site for the pool of Bethesda as being just outside a north gate of the ancient temple precinct in Jerusalem, possibly a gate through which sacrificial sheep were led into the temple grounds.

In Jerusalem by the sheep market is a pool

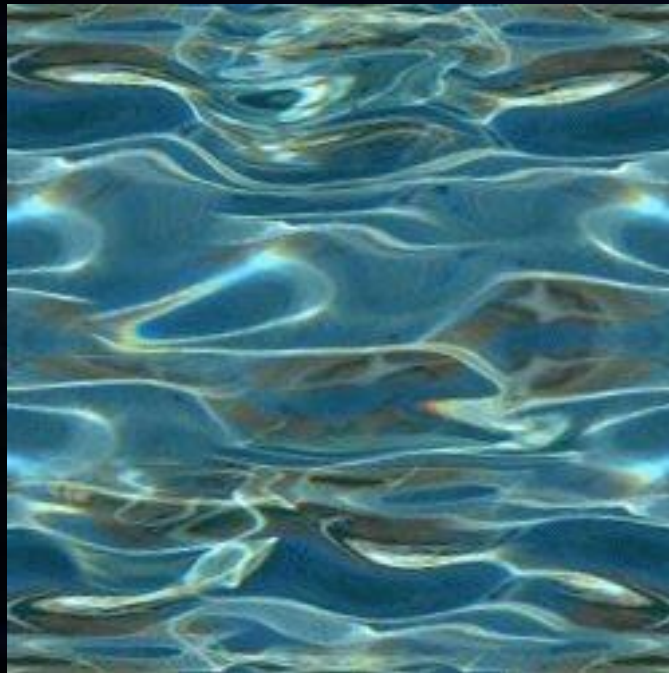


Impotent, blind, halt, and withered describe people who were sick, feeble, or disabled in some way...



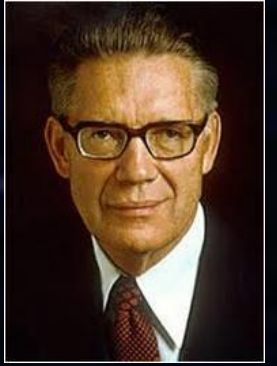
Waiting to Be Healed

*People of all kinds of
infirmities gather at
this pool...*



*...and wait for
the moving
water.*

Tradition :The angels stirred the water, moving it, during a certain season, and those who able to wash in it were healed.



“No doubt the pool of Bethesda was a mineral spring whose waters had some curative virtue.

“Any notion that an angel came down and troubled the waters, so that the first person thereafter entering them would be healed, was pure superstition.

Healing miracles are not wrought in any such manner.” (2)

Mineral Spring

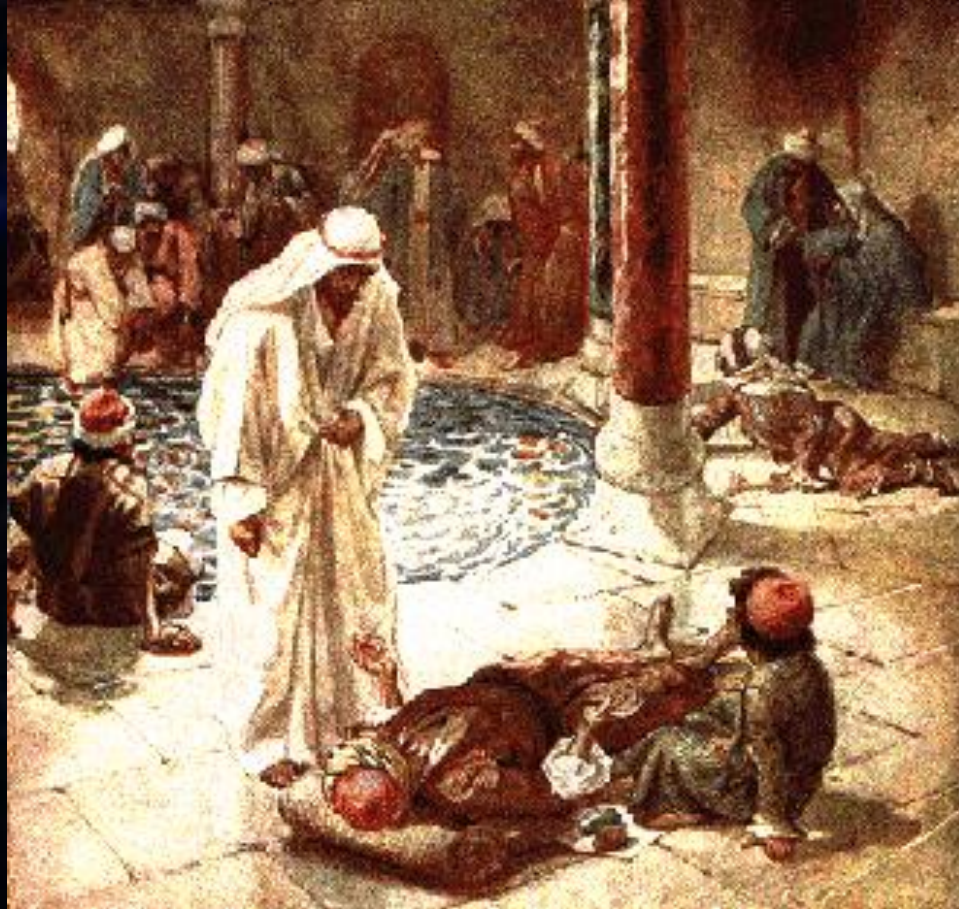


At intervals the spring rose with bubbling disturbance. Then receded to normal level

Some believed that the upwelling of the Bethesda waters was the result of supernatural agency and that if they stepped into the water during this time they would be healed.



"And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years."



*Others, less
crippled, crowded
him away, and
according to legend
only the first to
enter the pool after
the agitation of the
water might expect
to be healed.*



When Jesus saw him and recognized that he would be fit for a blessing, He asked, "Wilt thou be made whole?"



Troubled, the man said,

*“Sir, I have no man,
when the water is
troubled, to put me
into the pool...”*



Through the power
and mercy of Jesus
Christ, we can be
made whole

*“Rise, take up thy
bed, and walk”*





“Just as the lame man at the Pool of Bethesda needed someone stronger than himself to be healed, so we are dependent on the miracles of Christ’s atonement if our souls are to be made whole from grief, sorrow, and sin. ...

Through Christ, broken hearts are mended and peace replaces anxiety and sorrow.”



*The man was made whole. And
walked away*



*The Pharisees
question him
about breaking
the Sabbath Law*

*Jesus finds him later in the temple.
Perhaps the man went looking for the
one who healed him.*



*“Behold, thou
art made
whole: sin no
more...”*



*Jesus is willing
to help those in
need. It is up to
us whether we
want to be made
whole*

Healing on the Sabbath

When the Jewish leaders learned that the man had been healed by Jesus on the Sabbath, they persecuted and tried to kill the Savior.

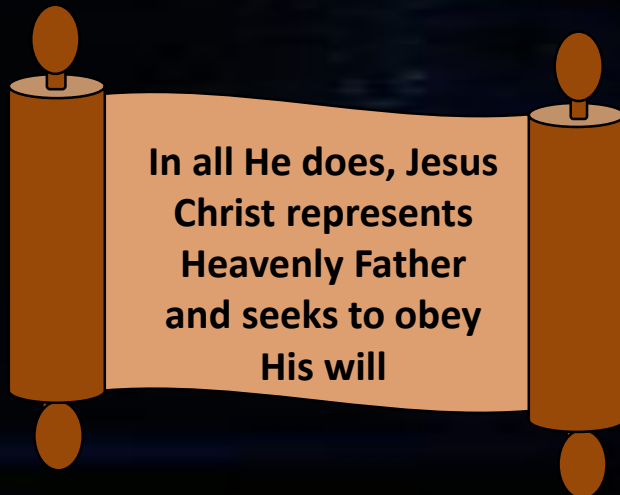
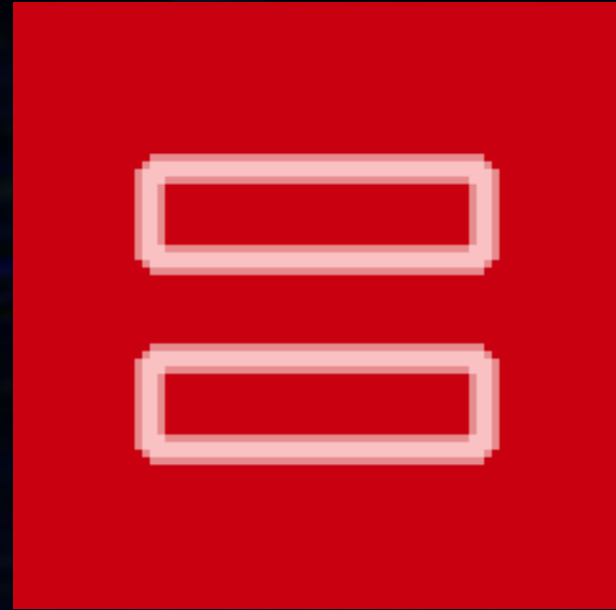
The Jews persecuted the Savior not only because He healed a man on the Sabbath, but because He said that God was His Father. (1)





“Equal with God!”—awful blasphemy or awesome truth!—one or the other. There is no middle ground, no room for compromise; there are no principles to compose: either Jesus is divine or he is blaspheming!

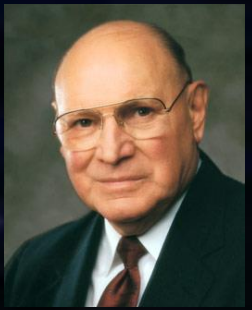
“Equal with God!”—not, as yet, in the infinite and eternal sense, but in the sense of being one with him, of being his natural heir, destined to receive, inherit, and possess all that the Father hath.



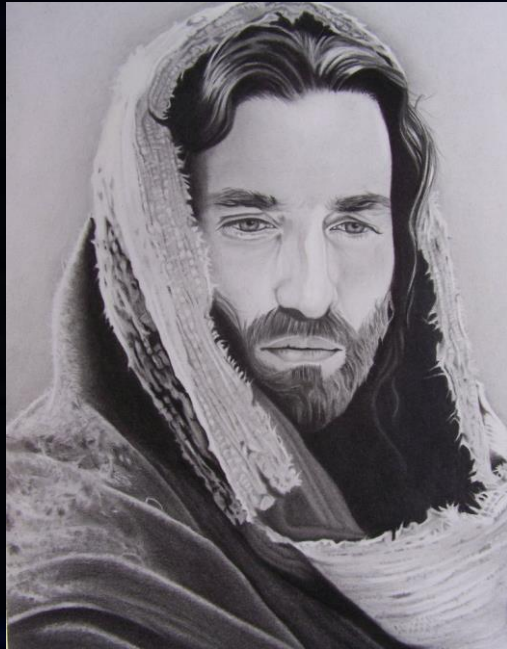
“Equal with God!”—not that he was then reigning in glory and exaltation over all the works which their hands had made, but in the sense that he was God’s Son, upon whom the Father had placed his own name and to whom he had given glory and honor and power.”

Jesus Christ Our Final Judge

He stands as the head of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



“Knowing that Jesus Christ is the firstborn Son of God in the spirit and the Only Begotten Son in the flesh gives a far more noble and majestic view of him than if he were just a great teacher or philosopher. He is our Lord, the Redeemer of all mankind, our Mediator with the Father. Because of his love for us, he has atoned for the sins of the world and has provided a way for the faithful to return to our Heavenly Father’s presence.”



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“He will come again in power and glory to dwell on the earth, and will stand as Judge of all mankind at the last day.”

Jesus's Divinity

John 5:33-35

John the Baptist

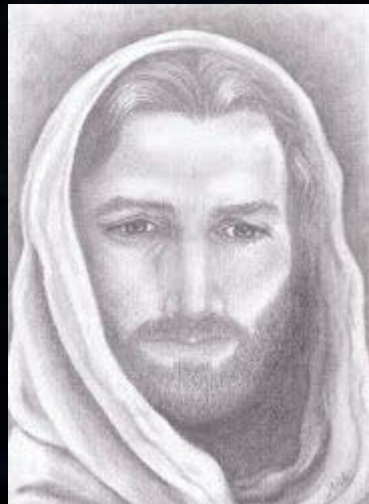
"...and he bare witness unto the truth."



Andrea del Sarto

John 5:36
His Works

"...the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me."



J.D.

John 5:37

His Father

"...the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me."



Cima da Conegliano

John 5:37

The Scriptures

"... for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."



Qualifying for Eternal Life

Many Jews in Jesus's day believed that merely studying the scriptures would allow them to receive eternal life.

PICK
ME



They failed to understand that the purpose of the scriptures was to point them to Jesus Christ.

He said, in essence, "You think you have eternal life, but search the scriptures, for they testify of me."

PICK
ME



Only by coming
unto Jesus Christ
can we receive
eternal life

How To Achieve Eternal Life Through Scriptures

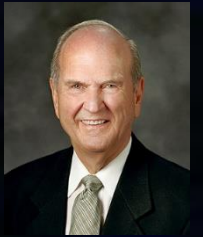
Once we understand *why* we need guidance and *where* we obtain it, we then ask, *how* can we achieve it?

Scriptural guidance helps you to recognize error and make the necessary correction.

Guidance can come when grappling with a serious challenge in life.

To feast means to savor. We savor the scriptures by studying them in a spirit of delightful discovery and faithful obedience.

You cultivate such revelatory experiences by living according to the light already given you and by searching the scriptures with pure motives.



We all *need* guidance through life. We *obtain* it best from the standard works and teachings of the prophets of God.

With diligent effort, we can *achieve* that guidance and thus qualify for all of the blessings that God has in store for His faithful children.

Sources:

Suggested Hymn: #141 *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

Video:

Broken Things to Mend (2:35)

Life after War and Overcoming Post-Traumatic Stress (6:02)

Jesus Christ Will Be Our Final Judge (1:17)



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Event	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Jesus Attends a Feast at Jerusalem				5:1
Jesus Heals a Man on the Sabbath				5:2-16
Jesus to Do the Work of His Father				5:17-47

Needing to Be Healed:

“Just as the lame man at the Pool of Bethesda needed someone stronger than himself to be healed (see John 5:1–9), so we are dependent on the miracles of Christ’s atonement if our souls are to be made whole from grief, sorrow, and sin. ... Through Christ, broken hearts are mended and peace replaces anxiety and sorrow. ... As Isaiah stated concerning the Savior: ‘Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. ... And with his stripes we are healed’ (Isa. 53:4–5).

“The Savior’s atonement in the garden and on the cross is intimate as well as infinite. Infinite in that it spans the eternities. Intimate in that the Savior felt each person’s pains, sufferings, and sicknesses. Consequently, he knows how to carry our sorrows and relieve our burdens that we might be healed from within, made whole persons, and receive everlasting joy in his kingdom. May our faith in the Father and the Son help each of us to become whole” **Bishop Merrill J. Bateman** (“The Power to Heal from Within,” *Ensign*, May 1995, 13–14).

Equal John 5:19:

To come to earth with such a responsibility, to stand in place of Elohim—speaking as He would speak, judging and serving, loving and warning, forbearing and forgiving as He would do—this is a duty of such staggering proportions that you and I cannot comprehend such a thing. But in the loyalty and determination that would be characteristic of a divine child, Jesus could comprehend it and He did it. Then, when the praise and honor began to come, He humbly directed all adulation to the Father [see John 5:19; 14:10]” Elder Jeffrey R. Holland (“The Grandeur of God,” *Ensign or Liahona*, Nov. 2003, 70–71).

So Focused on Moses John 5:46:

"It is ironic that many in Jesus' time refused to listen to Him because they were so fixed on Moses. To those who persecuted Him because He had healed an invalid on the Sabbath, he said: 'Had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?' (John 5:46-47. See also Mormon 7:9.) Yet Jesus had personally called, instructed, and tutored Moses!

He told the Nephites, 'Behold, . . . the law is fulfilled that was given unto Moses. Behold, I am he that gave the law, and I am he who covenanted with my people Israel; therefore, the law in me is fulfilled, for I have come to fulfill the law; therefore it hath an end.' (3 Nephi 15:4-5.)" Elder Neal A. Maxwell (*Meek and Lowly* [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1987], 77.)

Scripture Searching John 5:39-40:

“In the end, the central purpose of all scripture is to fill our souls with faith in God the Father and in His Son, Jesus Christ—faith that They exist; faith in the Father’s plan for our immortality and eternal life; faith in the Atonement and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, which animates this plan of happiness; faith to make the gospel of Jesus Christ our way of life; and faith to come to know ‘the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom [He has] sent’ (John 17:3)” (“The Blessing of Scripture,” *Ensign or Liahona*, May 2010, 34).